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TO: All Branch and Division Chiefs  
FROM: Acting Chief, FSTO  
SUBJECT: Establishment of Latin American Branch

1. The decision on the part of the FBI to withdraw from South and Latin America has placed upon FSTO the responsibility for supplementing them at the earliest opportunity. An eighth foreign branch has therefore been added to the organizational structure. This will be known as the Latin American Branch and will be designated by the symbol FPL.
2. The Acting Chief of FPL is Mr. Raymond Ladd, whose office will be in Room 1230.
3. It is strongly recommended that any individuals within FSTO who have acquaintances with Latin American experience, language qualifications and preferably intelligence background refer all such potential candidates to Mr. Ladd for his consideration.

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